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Circuit Court

This, the second week of the February term of Circuit Court, has been taken up mostly with State cases, several of them trials before juries, which is usually slow work. Following is the disposition made of cases since the report published last week:

Civil Cases.

Benj. E. Bush vs. W. H. Smollinger, undercharge on freight, continued by consent to May term.

Arthur Rhodes vs. Ben Wampler, appeal from J. P.; dismissed, neither party represented.

Oliver Franz vs. G. E. Cecil, M. D., damages; continued to May term.

D. F. Ball vs. Henry Reuter, appeal from J. P.; continued to May term.

J. K. Kirkland vs. Mrs. Joe Redfern et al., appeal from J. P.; motion for new trial sustained.

Chas. A. Wilkenson et al. vs. St. Joseph Lead Co., damages; continued by consent to May term.

Henry Howell vs. M. R. & B. T. Ry., damages, continued to May term.

Virginia Bell vs. M. R. & B. T. Ry., damages, dismissed.

Bank of Farmington vs. Peter S. Boehle et al., note; continued for want of service and alias summons ordered.

Fred H. Herbst vs. F. C. Cole et al., note; judgment by default for \$1,658.74 with 8 per cent interest; stay of execution granted to May term of court.

St. Francis County Bank vs. G. N. Baker et al., note; judgment by default for \$113.30; attorney's fee, \$11.33.

Foristell Realty and Sec. Co., vs. G. P. Gale, note; dismissed by plaintiff by letter of Attorney Buckner as per letter filed, dated Feb. 10.

George W. Frey et al. vs. Anton Gidley, note; judgment by default for \$817.68; also on another note for \$241.64.

J. W. Highley vs. John McBrien et al., note; dismissed in vacation.

Mary Herahman et al. vs. Daniel Gruner et al., partition; trial by court, three commissioners appointed—Surveyor Holman, Mr. Truiston, guardian, and Marvin Matkin—to try and set aside interest of defendants, in kind if possible, and report such other things as may be essential, and report to May term of court.

Parnell Casey vs. Charles Casey et al., partition; proof of publication made as to one of defendants, Mrs. Casey; default of other defendants, personal service as to minor defendants, excepting as to minor defendants, who answered by guardian. Order of sale made, to be held at some regular term of the County or Circuit Court, on cash terms.

Jesse F. Swopsher vs. Marie L. Swopsher, divorce; dismissed by plaintiff.

Fred Miller Brewing Co. vs. George Greashaber et al., account; continued to May term, leave granted to file amended petition extended to March 3rd.

Pleasant Williams vs. A. J. Williams et al., to quiet and determine title; trial by court and submitted.

R. A. Hibbitts vs. Theodore Anderson et al., to quiet and determine title; trial by court and submitted.

Virgil E. O'Dell vs. Virgie E. O'Dell, divorce; personal service and cross bill filed; trial by the court and caused passed until March 1st; \$30 alimony pending suit to be paid defendant, Virgie E. O'Dell, on March 1st, and \$30 on the first of each

month thereafter during pending of suit.

Sadie Parmely vs. George Parmely, divorce; tried by court and submitted.

Back tax suits have been filed and docketed against the following named persons: James Thornton, S. S. Boyce and others, A. L. Peckman, Elijah G. O'Bannon and others, John A. Meredith, Jeff D. Bayless and others, Wm. Dowson, J. T. Evans and others and Henry Sutton and others.

State Cases.

Val Hughes, illegal sale of liquor; plea of guilty, punishment assessed at \$300 fine and six months in jail.

Oscar Hull, illegal sale of liquor; continued generally by the State.

Tom Johnson, illegal sale of liquor; plea of guilty, fine of \$300 and six months in county jail.

Joe Martin, illegal sale of liquor; trial by jury, verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at \$500 and six months in jail; motion for new trial and arrest of judgment filed.

George Smith, illegal sale of liquor; plea of guilty, fine of \$300 and six months in jail; upon payment of costs stay of execution will be granted until March 5th. On second count same fine and imprisonment and order as to stay of execution.

George Sherman, illegal sale of liquor; trial by jury, verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at fine of \$300 and six months in jail; motion for new trial and in arrest of judgment filed.

Mart Sherman, illegal sale of liquor; plea of guilty and punishment assessed at \$1,000 fine; upon payment of costs by March 1st fine will be stayed upon conditions spread upon the record.

Spurgeon Ditch, murder; by agreement cause continued to May term,

and set down for trial for May 21st.

Luther Boen, perjury; plea of guilty entered February 12, and sentence deferred.

In cases of Tony Borasky, illegal sale of liquor, and Brad Jennings, embezzlement, Prosecuting Attorney Mathews being disqualified, court appoints Henry Davis to prosecute in said cases.

Max Cohn, robbery; dismissed by the State.

John T. Forshee, libel; continued to May term on account of sickness of defendant's wife.

Charles Hardin, neglect of giving child proper school attendance; continued by agreement of counsel.

Vernon Willett, illegal sale of liquor; dismissed at cost of defendant.

Wm. Robinson, forgery; plea of guilty, punishment assessed at two years in Reform School; execution stayed until May term upon payment of costs and amount of checks to owner of money.

George Russell, carrying concealed weapons; plea of guilty and punishment assessed at \$100 fine.

Z. B. Jennings, embezzlement; trial by jury and verdict of not guilty. This is a case in which Jennings as road overseer was charged with appropriating \$18 of the road fund in his hand to his personal use. It has been on the docket for some time and was tried at the last May term, the jury not being able to agree. The case was again called on Wednesday of this week and took up most of the day, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

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NEW OFFICIALS

WIN INDORSEMENT

Civic League, Which Last Week Condemned, This Week Commends Their Diligence

The mass meeting called to convene at Flat River last Monday night by the Civic League of that place, to consider means and take steps for the enforcement of the local option law, was attended by about 150 men from that vicinity, Farmington, Bonne Terre, Desloge, Elvins, and other towns. A delegation of about 30 from Farmington, mostly members of the "Gospel Team", was in attendance.

A resolution passed by the Flat River Civic League on the 14th, in which was included the call for the mass meeting of last Monday night, contained a prejudgment of Prosecuting Attorney Thomas A. Mathews and Sheriff Chas. H. Adams that was not warranted by the facts and ordinary justice. These men had been in office but a month or six weeks, they had hardly become adjusted to their routine duties, nor had time to get their offices in working shape.

The Prosecuting Attorney had been kept busy getting ready for the February term of court and the Sheriff in serving papers. At the time the resolution was formulated none of the local option cases on the docket had been called for trial, and the League had no concrete facts upon which to base its insinuations. If before passing judgment it had waited until this week of court, when the bootlegging cases were taken up, it would have been in better position to pass judgment. The new Prosecuting Attorney's vigorous prosecution of the bootlegging cases on the docket and conviction of those who elected to be tried by juries—the other cases called up pleading guilty—ought to be taken as an earnest of his determination to do his duty.

This is said not as a criticism of the good work which the Civic League is doing, but to correct an injustice done two new public officers perhaps unintentionally. These officials need, and we believe will be glad to avail themselves of, the assistance which the League and all law-abiding citizens may give them. The Civic League and the Gospel Team are doing a good work, but it is just as well not to be too suspicious or quick to condemn those through whom they must work to accomplish the best results.

Prosecuting Attorney Mathews appeared before the mass meeting at Flat River Monday night and frankly told them of his position in this matter of law enforcement, that he intended to do his best to stop bootlegging and all forms of local option violations, and that he would be glad to have all the assistance which the law-abiding people of the county can give him, and that he would work in conjunction with them; that any information they might furnish him would be promptly acted upon by himself and the Sheriff, in raiding storage places of booze and arresting those against whom the evidence, circumstantial or positive, pointed.

This, and some other matters of raiding illegal and suspicious places having come to the knowledge of several of the League's leaders, the subject of "appealing to the Governor for assistance in securing the law enforcement" was dropped, a better feeling manifested itself, and the following resolutions were adopted by the mass meeting:

"Whereas, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Sheriff of St. Francois county having manifested activity in the enforcement of the local option law by a search and seizure raid at Elvins on Saturday, evening, Feb. 17, and Sunday morning, Feb. 18; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the citizens assembled in Woodmen Hall at Flat River, Mo., Feb. 19th, do hereby heartily commend the Prosecuting Attorney and the Sheriff for their response and diligence to the appeal to relieve the bad conditions known to exist at Elvins; that they are pleased with the expressed attitude of the Prosecuting Attorney toward the further enforcement of the local option law and that it is the sense of this meeting that the said officers continue to make every possible effort to stop the illegal sale of liquor at Bonne Terre and every other place in the county where the law is being violated; and be it further

Resolved, that we pledge our moral, physical and financial support to assist the officers in the enforcement of the local option law and in the suppression of lawlessness."

The mass meeting pledged \$200 to assist in the enforcement of the law.

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Suppress Speeders

A movement has just recently been inaugurated in Farmington to hold auto speeders down to a more strict compliance with the provisions of the law governing the use of public highways. As to who is at the head of such movement, we are not aware, but The Times desires to add its commendation to such movement.

If honesty and fairness is used in carrying out the proposed purposes of this movement, then much good will result therefrom. But in order to get satisfactory results from this work, equal and exact fairness must be shown. All must be treated alike, and none who are exceeding the speed limit in this city should be permitted to "get by."

The strict carrying out of this plan will not work any hardship on any auto driver who has respect for the law. On the other hand, it will serve as the greatest possible protection for all who desire to respect the law against speeding on the public highways, as the reckless speeder is not only a constant menace to his own safety, but he supplies a constant source of danger to everyone he passes, or whom he may overtake, on the highway, which he too often seems to consider as his private speedway.

Amos Ruh, a jitney driver, was arrested Tuesday morning charged with speeding, after having first been warned three times. He was arraigned before Squire J. P. Zolman, and pleaded guilty, and was fined \$10 and costs. A number of other drivers have been warned that they will have to reduce, or correct their speed, especially in the city limits, or they will be treated in a similar manner. The fee should be sufficient to justify the peace officers in looking closely after auto speeders, and such action will certainly commend them most favorably to the better class of citizenship, who desire to see the laws upheld and enforced.

HIS FIRST TIME IN COUNTY SEAT

Bro. J. F. Schroeder, editor of the Bismarck Gazette, spent a few hours in Farmington Friday with a number of his fellow townsmen. The Times acknowledges a pleasant call.

Bro. Schroeder has had charge of the destinies of the Gazette for the past four or five years, and we were surprised to learn that, during all that time, Friday marked his initial visit to the seat of government of St. Francois county. Just how or why he could stay away all that time we are at a loss to even surmise, but we do know that he is giving the people of Bismarck a very creditable little paper, which perhaps is very largely due to his close attention to business, as is evidenced by the fact that he has not had time during his several years' residence in the county of visiting the county seat. But he was most favorably impressed with the things he saw here, as well as with the people he met, and we trust his visits hereafter will be more frequent.

COUNTY COURTS CONSULT OVER BLACKWELL BRIDGE

The County Court held an adjourned term of court on Wednesday of this week, and by arrangement met with the County Court of Jefferson county at Melzo to consult about the matter of erecting a bridge across Big River at Blackwell. The members of the two courts concluded to go to Blackwell and look the situation over, with the result that the county Highway Engineers of each county were directed to survey the site, get up plans and specifications and the estimated cost of a bridge, and report to their respective courts. The highway crossing of Big River at this point is very dangerous when sudden rises in the river occur and a bridge is badly needed. It was here that the County Clerk of Washington county, his wife and a boy were drowned some months ago in attempting to ford the river.

The Court appointed County Surveyor Thomas H. Holman as County Highway Engineer of St. Francois county for one month, beginning February 17th.

The same day County Clerk Wolfert filed with the court his annual settlement of the earnings of his office for the year 1916, showing an amount of \$771.46 excess fees earned and due the county. The settlement was approved by the court, and the excess ordered paid into the County Treasury.

sale, same date.

Spurgeon Ditch, murder, February 23.

John Gann, robbery, same date.

John Libby, illegal sale of liquor, February 24.

Sam Larnie, illegal sale of liquor, February 23.

George McClure, illegal sale of cigarettes, February 23.

Walter Moon, illegal sale of liquor, February 27.

James Polk, illegal sale of liquor, February 23.

James Roux, illegal sale of liquor, February 27.

Andro Tyropok, illegal sale of liquor, February 23.

Mike Vallo, illegal sale of liquor, February 26.

William Whaley, assault with intent to kill, February 24.

Chas. Rheinhardt, storing and keeping intoxicating liquors, February 24.

John Welborn, carnal knowledge, February 27.

Wm. Buxton, murder, February 27.

F. S. Pair, illegal sale of liquor, February 27.

J. T. Edwards, appeal from J. P., February 26.

E. T. Postlewait, appeal from J. P., February 26.

A. Royanchuk, appeal from J. P., February 25.

HIGHEST PRICE EVER

PAID FOR LEAD

10½ c a Pound--At This Price St. Francois County's Output Would Bring \$54,000,000 a Year.

Last week pig lead sold at about 10½ cents a pound, the highest price ever reached in the history of the lead industry. Operators used to make money out of lead mining at 3 and 4 cents a pound, when the process was crude and expensive. With all the modern machinery and improvements in mining, reducing the ore and turning it into pig lead, what a bonanza there must be in lead mining today!

It is conservatively estimated that the mines of St. Francois county produce daily 1,500,000 pounds of pig lead. At 10 cents a pound this means \$150,000 a day, or more than \$54,000,000 a year. On the strength of this stiffness in the lead market the companies last week added another bonus of 10 cents to the wages of its employees. This is the fourth bonus of a like amount given by the companies since lead began to soar, amounting now to a raise of 40 per cent in the men's wages. The companies can well afford it.

Notwithstanding the bonuses heretofore accorded the companies' employees, they have felt that they were not getting the pay they ought to receive, in view of the unprecedented prosperity of the companies and the increased cost of living, which the bonuses are far from offsetting.

A Revenue Measure.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to amend the act relating to mines, mining and mine inspection. It provides that all mine operators of lead and zinc mines shall pay into the State Treasury monthly, as a mine

inspection fund, 4 cents per ton on all lead or zinc mined by them; operators of coal and clay mines, one-tenth of a cent a ton, and operators of silicate and shale one-twentieth of a cent per ton.

But why for a mine inspection fund? The great need of the State is revenue. Why not increase the revenue of the State by taxing the tonnage of our lead and zinc mines? A tax of 10 cents a gross ton on lead ore would bring in quite a nice revenue. Rich corporations are taking millions of wealth out of our mines every year, much of it going to heavy Eastern stockholders, while the State and the counties where the mines are located get little or no benefit from them. They pay taxes, yes, but just the same or less than our farms which are continually enriching the State instead of impoverishing it. A tax on the gross output of these mines is nothing more than in justice they should pay, especially now, as the price of lead is higher than it was ever known and is pouring money like water into the coffers of the big corporations.

Senator Buford introduced in the Senate Wednesday a bill to tax mine outputs, which it is estimated would add \$1,000,000 to the general revenue. In discussing the bill it was said that St. Francois county alone had a mineral output of \$30,000,000. That doesn't begin to reach it. The mineral output of this county is nearer \$75,000,000, and the profits will reach \$30,000,000. Joplin's mineral output was placed at \$56,000,000.

Judge Mitchell "Balks" at This

When Judge W. A. Mitchell came in from his home near Esther Saturday morning to be present at the meeting of the County Court, which was still in session, quite a bunch of his friends had assembled to meet him, with the intention of persuading him to officiate at the marriage of a Desloge couple who were in the court room awaiting the services of someone to "tie the knot."

Members of the delegation in waiting besought Judge Mitchell that the waiting couple had requested his services, and that it was his duty to attend to such matters when called upon. Every possible pressure was brought to bear to induce him to get into the breach, and to perform his duty "like a man."

But the Judge, with more or less embarrassment, announced that there was "nothing doing" in the marriage line, so far as he was concerned. He could not be made to understand that "marrying folks" was any part of the business of County Judge. The consequence was that Presiding Judge W. A. Garrett was called into service, which knocked all the fun out of the ceremony, as Judge Garrett is a veteran in that particular line of industry, having performed one such previous service at some time in his past life. The manner in which he performed the ceremony was calculated to make a "Marrying Justice" look carefully to his laurels.

Farmington Follies Draw Large House

The Farmington Follies was presented at the Monarch Monday night, under the auspices of the U. D. C., and drew a capacity audience. In fact, both side aisles were crowded the full length of the theatre, while many were jammed well forward in the middle aisle, and people were jammed into the rear space like so many sardines. For practically two hours that crowded mass was held with hardly a change of position.

The "Follies" appears to have been something of a misnomer. Farmington "genius" would seem to have been far more fitting, as it was certainly a rare display of creditable talent. What appears to be the very low price of admission, which caused an overflow house, affording no protection to ticket holders, and holding the receipts down to a minimum. The fact is now very apparent that the house would have been comfortably filled had the admission price been 25c instead of 10c. As it was, there was little comfort for anyone, while hundreds were turned away, being unable to find even standing room.

It would be eminently unfair to pick out a few of the numbers presented, and omit the others, as all contributors to the evening's program did themselves full justice, as the great audience invariably testified with hearty applause. Space will not permit of a detailed write-up of the affair, so this general commendation of the performance must suffice.

Former Congressman Polite Elvins, Attorney for the St. Joe-Doe Run Lead Co., is transacting business in Jefferson City this week.

Desloge Youth Again in Trouble

The latest, and perhaps the most serious escapade in the somewhat eventful young life of Lon Florence, of Desloge, was told in the following manner in yesterday's St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Lon A. Florence, 21 years old, of Desloge, Mo., known as the "millionaire kid" in cabaret life along Grand avenue last summer, was arrested Tuesday at the Marquette Hotel when he appeared there with his bride of four hours.

Twelve checks, totaling \$114, and memories of gay evenings spent in the company of wine, women and song, were the stumbling blocks in the youthful bridegroom's path to happiness.

When Florence and his wife, who was Miss Irene Ware, 19 years old, of Farmington, Mo., reached the door of their room, they found Detectives Rundle and Wilson awaiting them. Despite his protests that there was nothing wrong in the check transactions, the detectives took the youth to headquarters, leaving the bride at the hotel, too surprised even to find refuge in tears.

Cafe Owner Complains

The complaint which resulted in Florence's arrest was made by Philip King, proprietor of a cafe at 710 North Grand avenue. King said he cashed the twelve checks in two months, and all had been returned marked either payment refused or insufficient funds. The checks were drawn on the Citizens Bank of Desloge, and ranged in sums from \$5 to \$20.

Mrs. Florence, the bridegroom told reporters, came from her home four days ago, and remained with relatives in the city. Yesterday afternoon the couple went to the City Hall, obtained a license and were married by Rev. Christopher F. Stark, 4579 Page boulevard.

Florence told reporters his wife is a daughter of rich parents and recently inherited \$110,000 from an uncle. He said they had been childhood sweethearts. He said he was receiving \$400 a month from the estate of his father—that is, receiving it when his guardian, Scott Jones, of Desloge, is willing.

Father Left Small Estate.

Jones was reached on the long distance telephone, and said Florence's father left a small estate, which was in the care of Jones until a year ago, when the boy became of age. Jones also expressed surprise when told of the wealth of the bride.

Florence, in recounting his experiences, said he made his headquarters at King's cafe and he and King became well acquainted. He said that King suggested that he (Florence) buy half his place and the youth said he put up \$50. He was to get a salary.

Florence said King didn't pay him the salary and the partnership scheme fell through. He said he has engaged a lawyer.

Florence said his guardian twice interfered when he was planning to set up young women friends in establishments. He also said he was considering closing a five-year lease on a building at Eighteenth and Olive streets "to go into business."

C. E. Whitener and Chas. Calvird, the hustling agents for the Central States Life Insurance Co., were in Desloge Tuesday on business.

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